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Minden welcomes Santa

There was plenty of love showed for the return of the Santa Claus Parade in Minden this year.
Above, Rotary Club of Minden member Jeanne Anthon waves to the crowd from the Rotary float. This was the return of the parade, which was temporarily on hold because of the pandemic. This year's' event included 30 floats, two pipe bands and a wind symphony. There were a record 13 new floats for the parade. The route started from the Minden Curling Club parking lot, travelled west on Parkside Street and then south on Bobcaygeon Road. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Father Christmas, as portrayed by long-time resident Jack Brezina waves to the crowd during the Annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Minden. Brezina took on the role of Father Christmas as a tribute to the late-Sinclair Russell, who played this character in past parades.

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A step back in time: Exploring the fur trade

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Yours Outdoors

Mike Buss with wife, Joanne and colleague, Wayne MacGregor will give participants of the Fur and Flintlock an unforgettable experience steeped in history. This programming is part of the series of offerings by Yours Outdoors. /Photo by Steve Bruno.

Picture this: you're nestled in a log cabin, deep in the heart of the snowy woods. Outside, the branches are laden with fresh, fluffy snow that whistles with the wind, and inside, there's a roaring fire crackling in the wood stove.

The air swirls with tantalizing smells; homemade wild rice and baked beans, the sweetness of hot toddies, and the warmth of freshly baked bannock in the oven.

In every nook and cranny of the cabin, there is something else that catches your eye. Coloured bottles that bounce light around the cabin from the snow outside. The glint of a flickering candle. A felt hat tucked in the corner.

Navigating you through this journey into the past, you have a fur trader who seems to have stepped through a time portal from the 18th century, complete with coloured sash and wire-rimmed spectacles. The whole experience is nostalgic of another time; a time you read about in history books, but could never properly conceptualize. Until now.

This is the experience available through Fur and Flintlock, an immersive adventure promoted by experiential tourism company, Yours Outdoors (YO). With a focus on art, nature, history, outdoor recreation and reflecting the principles of green tourism, YO is a one-stop shop for experiencing the Haliburton Highlands. They specialize in working with local exceptional experience providers to celebrate all the Haliburton Highlands has to offer.

Fur and Flintlock - led by Mike Buss, a 30-year veteran of the Ministry of Natural Resources and avid wildlife biologist, along with Mike's wife, Joanne and colleague Wayne MacGregor - is one of the most unique YO experiences that includes natural and human history, food, and snowshoeing, with a wealth of stories to be told. "[The fur trade] is basic to Canada's development," states Buss, "it was the first land-based economic activity that took place."

You will start this experience by strapping on snowshoes that are reflective of those used in the late -18th century, and trek through the woods following animal tracks and observing the natural sights and sounds along Ten Mile Creek. As the hike winds down, you'll turn a corner that exposes a small clearing with a log cabin; smoke swirling from the chimney and the promise of warmth inside. Once indoors, you will hear stories of the fur trade as it was conducted in the late-18th century, and observe and handle reproduction trade goods.

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This experience is certainly one that's not easy to forget. As one participant noted "the experience exceeded my expectations … It was a masterclass in history and industry that felt both genuine and sincere. Everything from the trail walk to the cabin, to the cabin itself brought you back in time to our country's humble origins."

You're never too old to learn something new. This type of experience is suitable for families, homeschool groups, staff retreats, couples, and friends. It may only be a few hours in duration, but it

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Contemporary trapping part of management

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covers a piece of history on the ground we're all standing on. Mike notes that there was an abundance of fur trading that happened in Minden and Haliburton as well, and was the grounds for our communities early economic development.

Nowadays, the fur trade looks a little different, but still plays a role in our symbiotic relationship with the natural world. While working for the MNR, Mike worked with trappers for managing trapping regulation to sustainably manage populations. "It used to be a free-for-all for trapping," says Mike, "but registered trapping zones and quotas levelled out the trade." Mike indicates that through sustainable and wise trapping, the animal populations stay healthier, and maintain a significant position in our symbiotic world.

Winter doesn't have to be all about hibernation. Why not take this time to learn something new, get outside your comfort zone, and take a step back in time. If you're interested in learning more about Fur and Flintlock, or any other experience set in the Haliburton Highlands, check out www.oursoutdoors.ca or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca.

Mike Buss will give participants one of the most unique experiences during the Fur and Flintlock experience, which is offered by Yours Outdoors. Buss is a 30-year veteran of the Ministry of Natural Resources and is an avid wildlife biologist. /Photo by Steve Bruno.

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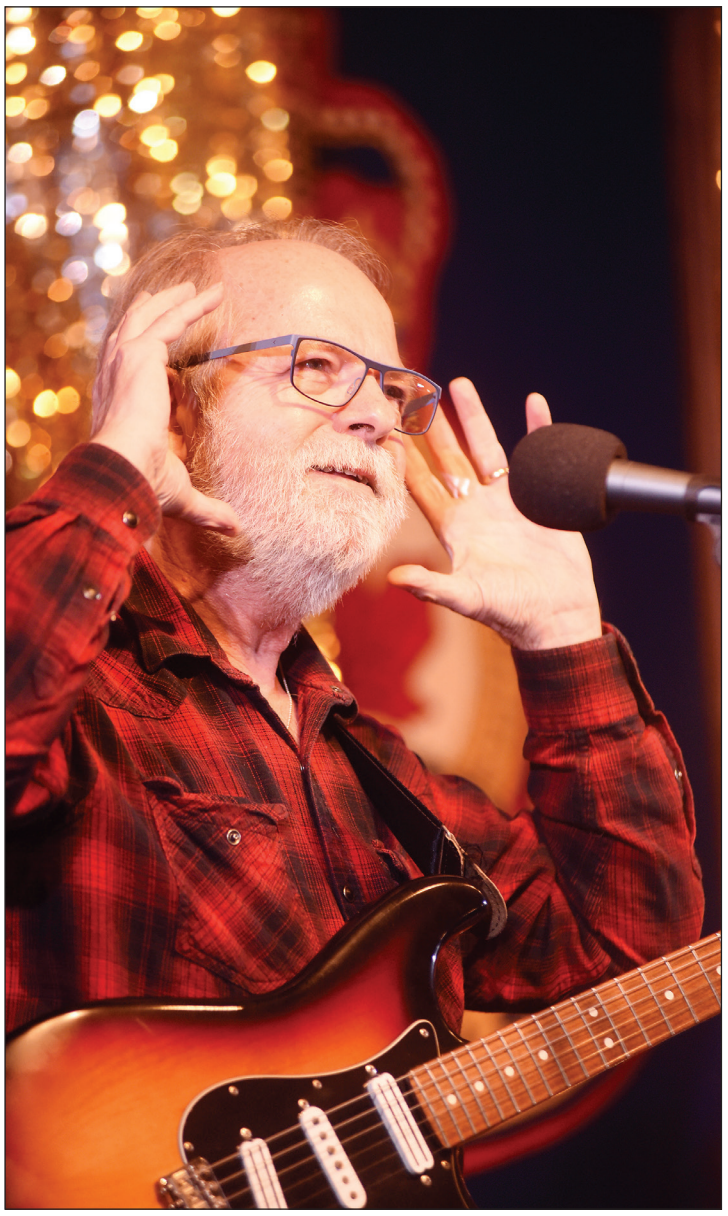

Shindig celebration of community

Above, Wendy Kurtz of Schitt's Creek fame, as portrayed by Robin Duke, shares a scene with Dame Beatrice, as played by Mike Jaycock, at the 8th Annual Highlands Christmas Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 27 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Although donations will keep coming in for the to benefit Fuel for Warmth, the event raised more than $45,000 the night of the live variety show. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Jim Love with the Slinky & The Boys band gestures how the audience can sing along with an inner-mind voice.

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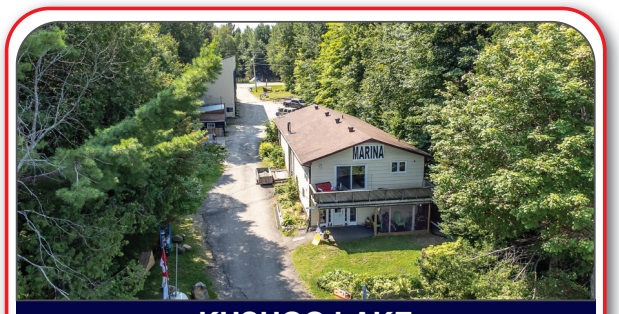

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Embracing a New Season

Kate Butler
Special to *County Life*

In Haliburton County, November always feels like a little bit of an unknown. We've usually seen the first sprinkles of snow (often with cries around social media of "Too soon!"), but we're never quite sure when winter will fully take hold and so we wait with boots and shovels by the door, just in case.

Everyone has their favourite season and I know from chatting with our local snowmobilers and skiers that there are many winter lovers out there, but there are also those who might prefer to escape the cold weather. Throughout the pandemic, with people forced to stay closer to home, this hasn't really been an option. It also wasn't an option for most people living in Haliburton County in the early 20th century – though there are occasional references to people going to Florida in the winter for their health – so it struck me that history might have some lessons to help us embrace the season.

The first lesson comes from the local lumbercamps and that's to keep moving! It was said that in the lumbercamps, the only use a man should have for a coat was to use it as a pillow, because he should have been working hard enough to keep warm without it. Extreme, certainly, but there's something to be said for a bit of action to take away winter's chill. We also know that while tea was regarded as an "extra" in the camps, it was much appreciated extra, helping to warm the men after a long and tiring day outdoors and I don't think any of us would argue with a warm and cozy drink either.

In direct contrast to lumbercamp practices is a second bit of advice, which is to bundle up! Looking at historic photos from our collection, we can see that people generally had no qualms about dressing for the weather, with huge mittens, warm coats and fuzzy scarves all on display. For ladies, there was, of course, the issue of skirts, which were worn for everything from hockey to snowshoeing, but hopefully with layers underneath to keep out the chill.

The biggest winter lesson, however, seems to be to make the most of whatever the season brings. I've heard several stories about how, many years ago, the roads of our community were seen as toboggan hills by local kids during the colder months. With most people's cars on blocks for the winter, the temptation was just too great! While I certainly don't recommend that today, I do think we can see lots of value in embracing the spirit of fun it represents.

So, if you're looking for a place to put all three of these lessons into play this winter, stop by the Haliburton Highlands Museum! Our snowshoe loan program will be back as soon as there's a blanket of snow on the ground and an extra kilometre and a half of snowshoe trail has recently been added in beautiful Glebe Park. After checking out the trails, explore some local history in our galleries and discover what other lessons history might have to share with us about embracing winter.

Top 10 reasons not to put up Christmas lights

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

CHRISTMAS IS almost here and, if your Christmas lights are not up yet, they're probably not going to be. And that's OK. After all there are many great reasons to put up Christmas lights but there are also a lot of wonderful excuses for not doing so. Here are the top 10 I pull out on occasion.

1. Easier to put-up a ton of mirrors, if the people across the street do a good job.
2. Reduces risk of airliners accidentally landing on the roof.
3. It's July.
4. Irrational fear of eavestroughs.
5. Flying squirrels look scary under a flashing red LED light.
6. Out of respect for my colour-blind friends.
7. That one darn bulb.
8. Can never top what the Griswold family did.
9. They're still providing ambiance to the dining room.
10. You try untangling these lights.

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White pine towering over a terrain of rocks,
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the tentacles of its roots, slithering down slants of rock,
towards the water frothing below.
Wind tearing Air, that stings as it slaps my cheeks,
my feet gripping the jagged edges of rocks,
leaping from one to another,
the blur of white water surging around me,
spraying my face as I cup it up to Sun,
gleaming in a seamless blue Sky,
the sharpness of its light, slicing through the branches of the giant pine,
that flap like wings as Wind seethes in the trees, bending their spines,
but not the white pine's,
the girth of its trunk, spanning wider than my arms can reach,
as they wrap around it, fingering the ridges of its bark,
feeling tiny as a pinecone as I stand beneath its branches,
listening to water crashing into rocks,
gawking up at the height of the tree,
wishing I could see what it sees, from its tallest branch.
I peer out at the outcroppings of rocks in the distance, instead,
boulders bulging from the water like prehistoric beasts,
whiskers of trees bristling in the Wind,
surrounded by the boundlessness of water and Sky,
these tiny islands that never have to uproot themselves, never have to leave,
belonging to this place in space, without border or boundary,
breathing Air, scrubbed by Rain, scoured by Wind,
as the world beyond these boulders shoulders the burdens of billions of us,
swirling like snowflakes in a storm.
The worn treads of my boots clinging to the rock, roots snaking past them,
as my hands slap the giant white pine, So Long,
knowing that it will still be here,
hovering over the other trees, when I return,
making it easier to leave.

Sylvie Kalenda

Get to know the Huskies: Oliver Tarr

Oliver Tarr has been setting the OJHL alight with his impressive league leading 21 goals. /DARREN LUM Staff

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to *County Life*

Oliver Tarr has been setting the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) alight with his impressive league leading 19 goals, and quite possibly the goal of the year with his lacrosse - style "Michigan" goal against the North York Rangers. However, there are a lot of things fans might not know about Tarr. In this first edition of Get to Know the Huskies we will be diving into the career of Uxbridge's very own Tarr.

Tarr got his start in hockey at the age of six, which he considered to be a little later then some players. With his dad being a former hockey player himself, he was eager to get Tarr on skates to hopefully have him catch the hockey bug.

"My dad built me an outdoor rink to skate on during the winter when I was younger," Tarr said. "He was a former player so he definitely wanted to get me into hockey early and I fell in love with the game."

Growing up a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Tarr attended a handful of games which further cemented his love of the game. Tarr looked up to Sidney Crosby and Pavel Datsyuk. Watching them play against each other in the 2008 - 2009 NHL playoffs really resonated with Tarr and he models a lot of his playing styles from them.

Joining the OJHL's Whitby Fury in the 2018-19 season as an affiliated player (AP), Tarr only played in four games, acquiring his first taste of the league. However in his second season, Tarr scored 37 points with 17 goals and 20 assists. Tarr ventured to New Brunswick to play 13 games with the Miramichi Timberwolves before heading back to the OJHL with the newly relocated Haliburton County Huskies.

"I wasn't drafted in my OHL year coming out of minor midget," Tarr added. "I used that as motivation to play one more year of minor midget before joining Whitby as an AP. Using that experience to get my feet wet in the league, I made the team the next season and it's all been uphill since."

Since he leads the league in scoring opposing teams are taking notice and have put a focus on shutting him down offensviely. While some players may experience a culture shock moving from a large city like Whitby to a small town like Minden, Tarr actually enjoys the quietness of the town. His family owns a cottage in the area so he is no stranger to the county. When the opportunity to play here came, he jumped on it quickly.

"I really like the peace and quiet of the town," Tarr said. "It's nice because you're able to focus, with not too many distractions, and [I can] keep heading towards my goals. While I do like the quietness of the town, it's not too quiet in the Minden arena on Saturday nights which I absolutely love."

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Jim Ross
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Highlands Summer Festival

Photo Contest

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contest@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

by the 31st of December. We will select one winner from all the correct entries received. The winner of this final photo contest will receive two Season Passes to all of the 2022 season's shows. Ten tickets, piled atop each other reaching half way to the moon. So this is the last time to get in the game….

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No correct entries for Contest # 18 and so we are unable to award last month's prize. The photo showed characters Hilda Fluck and her husband Sam Fluck (playwright Norm Foster, always dancing close to the edge with names), played by real life husband and wife Beth and Brian Kipping in the 2017 show Hilda's Yard. Now, one more last time…..

Contest #19

Do me proud people, get your thinking caps on. Tell me the name of the show, OR the year it was performed OR the name of the earworm song they have just planted in the heads of the audience. All three gets you a trifecta and that would be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!!!

Send your entry, one last time, by December 31 to:

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Watch for the winner to be announced in this location in early January. Good Luck!!!

Tarr will never forget the Highlands

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Most of the team billets, which means the teammates spend a lot of time together and bond.

"A large amount of the players billet up here, so I think it brings us a lot closer," Tarr said. "In Whitby, a majority of the team lived at their own homes with a few people billeting. In Minden, most of the guys you hang out with tend to be my teammates whereas when you lived at home you could see your buddies away from the rink. Whenever we tend to do something we usually always do it as a team."

Despite not being drafted into the OHL, Tarr is using his time with the Huskies to hopefully earn himself an NCAA (The National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division I scholarship. With many young players choosing to take the NCAA route, including NHL stars Johnny Gaudreau and Brady Tkachuk, Tarr hopes to one day be drafted by his hometown Maple Leafs.

"My goal with the Huskies is to earn an NCAA Division I scholarship," Tarr said. "Whether that is this year or next year I'm not sure but I'm really using this league to showcase to the schools what I can do. I have a good amount of interest so far, so it's all coming to fruition."

Being the star player of a new franchise can't be done without a great team around you, and Tarr will never stop praising all the amazing work done by his teammates to give him good chances to score. The team always comes first, and Tarr has been able to serve as a mentor to some of the younger guys on the team.

The energy brought by the fans in Minden has been unreal for Tarr, who credits the fans with a lot of help in giving the team a boost on game nights.

"First impressions are so important, especially when you come to a town that hasn't had junior hockey in a while," Tarr added. "All of the older fans are excited to have hockey back and it's our job to put on a good show every night. Being able to hear your name around town and in the paper is also pretty surreal."

The team is currently second in the East Divison, one of the closest in the league – seven points off of Trenton in first and seven points ahead of Cobourg in last. Tarr mentioned that the team needs to bring their "A-game," and credits its head coach Ryan Ramsay as a great person who has helped not just Tarr but the team succeed.

Working under Ramsay has been a great learning experience and has helped Tarr grow as a player.

"I have nothing but good things to say about Coach Ryan," Tarr said. "He is always giving me good feedback and helping me grow as a player. Even when we lose, Coach is always trying to make us better whether it be offensively or defensively. He is really supportive in helping us get to the next level and I'm really thankful for all he does."

Tarr concluded by saying he will never forget his time in Haliburton County, being pumped to be able to play in front of sold-out crowds every night. While he isn't too sure where his journey will take him, what he does know is his time here will always be with him.

Beyond our porch

Beyond our weathered porch is wild
All scratchy-tangled greys and blacks
Which make a writer calmly wax
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Such graded textures, vertical,
Of trunks competing for the sky
Where higher light comes boldest by
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On horizontal forest floor
A humbled circus of deadfall
Old nests' and needles' curtain call
Enmesh with undergrowth and more

Each random quartz and granite bomb
The ice age left protruding here
Some tall, some sharp, some mottled queer
Time-frozen igneous, now calm

Then raw surprise when dogwood screams
In sudden scarlet twig display
With firework akin to May
Or tropical equator dreams
Real noise is likely blue jay now
Or nuthatch, finch and chickadee
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New-trained in snowy hunt know-how
And when north wind moves woods to creak
Brown rags in crisp percussion say
That though some oak or beech leaves stay
Their sleeping buds each spring respeak

That conté vista monochrome
Beyond our weathered porch … the trees
Despite their cemetery-freeze
In seasoned dialect are home

Submitted by Deborah Reed

Build it and they will come

Brian Suke and Rob Kelly work on the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association's new warming hut located on the "West Loop" on municipal property outside the Glebe Park boundary, on Sunday, Nov. 21 in Haliburton. This warming hut construction started this summer by volunteers and paid workers. Depending on COVID-19 protocols, the hut will be open without the need for reservations, including at night. It's expected to serve as a base, or a destination where people can warm up or rest, who are skiing the far loops of the 13.5 kilometre Glebe Park Nordic trail system. The association has been fundraising to offset the cost of construction of the hut. More than $17,000 has been raised towards the $24,000 goal. Anyone interested in donating to the fund can do so at https://fundly.com/hhnta-glebe-park-ski-cabin or by contacting the association at info@skihaliburton.com. To register to be an association member or to get more information go to www.skihaliburton.com. /DARREN LUM Staff

Athough it's a few weeks away from completion, the new warming hut features a fully insulated interior and a woodstove, which is hoping to draw more people to ski the far trails.

The new warming hut, as seen from the front.

Above, with volunteers Laura Richmond, left, and Michelle Lee, right, looking on, Vorvis reads the names of winners during the station's Radio Bingo show held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. There are cash prizes of $100 for the first game, $200 for the second and $500 for the third. See the website (canoefm.com/bingo/) for more information about where to buy the bingo sheets, each costing $6. Proceeds from this are split between Canoe FM (100.9) and other not-for-profit organizations in Haliburton County.
Left, a bingo ball is turned around during the station's Radio Bingo show held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff

Oh, yeah! Bingo!

Volunteer and new president of Canoe FM Paul Vorvis says, "O", during the station's Radio Bingo show held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. There are cash prizes of $100 for the first game, $200 for the second and $500 for the third. See the website (canoefm.com/bingo/) for more information about where to buy the bingo sheets, each costing $6. Proceeds from this are split between Canoe FM (100.9) and other not-for-profit organizations in Haliburton County.

RIDE program aiming to save lives this season

The 2021 Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign officially launched by the Central Region Ontario Provincial Police on Nov. 18.

"Drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs continue to pose a significant threat on our roads," said Gosia Puzio, media relations co-ordinator at OPP's central region headquarters in a press release. "Six people have lost their lives in collisions where impairment was a factor on OPP Central Region patrolled roads in 2021. Already this year, OPP Central Region officers have laid 1,862 charges for impaired driving and responded to 447 collisions involving impairment, of which 121 resulted in injury - a 22 per cent increase from last year."

The Festive RIDE campaign runs from Nov. 18, until Jan. 2 and is led by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police with collaboration among Ontario police services to keep roads free of alcohol-impaired and drug-impaired drivers. During the campaign, officers will be highly visible as they conduct RIDE initiatives 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Members of the public are reminded to not drive when planning to drink or consume drugs. There are many alternative options to remove impaired driving from the picture, such as a designated driver, taxi, or staying the night.

"It's really simple - choose to be responsible this holiday season," said Puzio. "If you can't drive sober, just don't drive. If you suspect an impaired driver, make that lifesaving call and dial 911."

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Vaccines coming to the Village

DARREN LUM
Editor

The GO-VAXX Bus is making a return to the Village of Haliburton this Saturday, Dec. 4 and it pleases Highlands residents such as David Barker, who sees getting vaccinated as a way out of the pandemic.

The West Guilford resident, who is more than 70 years old had already scheduled time to get his booster, but is all for more opportunities to enable the public to receive their vaccinations.

"Any way to get the vaccine close to people is a benefit," he said.

The bus will be located at the Haliburton Welcome Centre, located on York Street beside the Rails End Gallery

Children aged five to 11 years old (anyone born in 2016 or earlier) are welcome to receive their first or second dose of the vaccine. Eligible individuals, which includes people older than 70 (born in 1951 or earlier), Indigenous adults and adult non-Indigenous household members, health care workers or essential care providers, and individuals who received a full series of AstraZeneca/Janssen vaccines, can receive their booster or third dose. Third doses are only for individuals with 168 days after their second dose. No appointments are required.

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>
> — David Barker

Barker said he and his wife looked to get their first doses as soon as they were eligible.

Although he is healthy, he knows others may be more vulnerable.

It would pain him, he said, to know he infected someone else because he wasn't vaccinated.

Being vaccinated is what he believes can help.

"I want to be part of the solution. I want to be protected myself. And I want to protect my family and my friends and I want to protect the community at large. I'm really aware that the science on this is solid and that the best way to stop the pandemic is to do two things: to not be in a place where it's transmitted and to have the vaccine," he said.

Local residents are reminded that the health unit is also holding COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Minden Community Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. A list of dates and times through to the end of December is available on the health unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca/2021/09/01/vaccination-clinics/) or by calling 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020.

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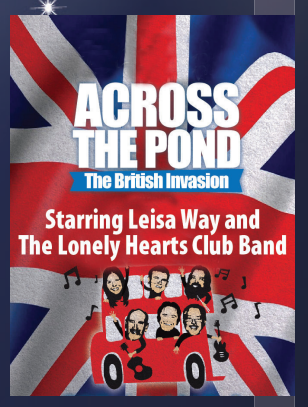

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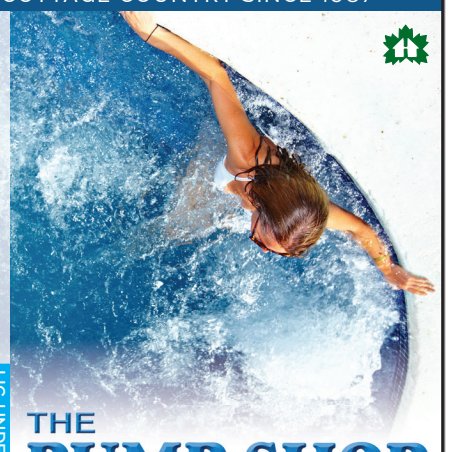

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IN QUOTES

"Cha-ching! Cha-ching! Guess who pays for it?"

Councillor Peter Oyler on water management costs
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Girl saves woman from fire

by JENN WATT
Editor

Ten-year-old Taylor Coltman is being called a hero by pretty much everyone in Minden after helping an elderly woman out of her burning apartment Nov. 24.

Taylor and her sister Jayme, 6, were visiting their grandma, Sherin Brown at Staanworth Terrace apartments on Parkside Street after school on Tuesday evening when the fire alarm started ringing.

The fire was two apartments down the hall, and the kids knew instantly that their neighbour was in trouble.

"I yelled into the apartment and told her to come out as fast as she could," Taylor recalls.

The neighbour heard her calls and came to the patio, where she

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Jack Brezina, dressed as Minden pioneer Daniel Buck, and Linda Litwin of Minden's sesquicentennial committee walked along beside the committee's float, which featured a giant birthday cake at Minden's Santa Claus Parade last weekend. More photos on page 4.

Carnarvon fire protection on agenda

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Carnarvon residents will be happy to know that the fire services standby agreement between Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands may be salvaged yet.

Last month, Algonquin Highlands councillors and Carnarvon residents were upset to learn that Minden Hills's fire chief had suggested eliminating a $5,000 standby agreement with Algonquin Highlands as part of his efforts to cut his budget.

For the last 20 years, Minden Hills (and formerly Minden township) has paid Algonquin Highlands (and formerly Stanhope township) a flat standby fee for the year and in return, Stanhope firefighters attend medical calls and car crashes in the Carnarvon area, which is part of Minden Hills.

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MOUNTAIN STREET $539,000

Fantastic home, situated on a year-round road in a lovely private neighbourhood. This lovingly owned and maintained home features 3 bdrms and full bathrm on the main level. Enjoy tons of natural lighting in the bright, spacious living room, dining area and kitchen. Step out to the sunroom and feel immersed in nature - overlooking the beautiful flowing creek and forest. Finished lower level with den/bedroom, renovated 3pc bathrm, and large rec room. Great sized lot and large double carport. This family home offers endless possibilities.

KAWAGAMA LAKE $279,000

Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

STILLS ROAD $128,500

This beautiful 1.2-acre building lot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake. Driveway installed and building site is cleared and ready for your year-round home or getaway. Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake Country market, Eagle Lake public beach and boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building your dream home or cottage.

WENONA LAKE $94,500

Fantastic lot in a quiet area. This 0.42-acre lot is the perfect spot to build your families dream cottage or home. Conveniently located on a year-round road with hydro and telephone available and located 15 minutes from Haliburton village. Surrounded by mature trees providing ample privacy. 1/12 interest (ownership) in waterfront lot 62 which has a beautiful sand shoreline and western exposure overlooking Wenona Lake. Adjacent lot is owned by the municipality adding additional privacy.

CHELSEA LANE $69,900

This pretty 1.52-acre lot is in the vicinity of the 3 lake chain-Green-Maple-Beech. Deeded access to Maple Lake within walking distance. Situated just outside West Guilford, between Carnarvon and Haliburton with easy seasonal access off HWY 118. The lot is fairly level with a slight elevation to a great spot to build your retreat. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet area. Ample privacy and lots of space for the family to enjoy the outdoors.

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Sincerely,
Linda